THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) The Law Commission of India has, in its 154th Report on the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, inter alia, recommended that the Government, while appointing Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors under sections 24 and 25 Cr. P.C. shall, as far as practicable, appoint sufficient number of women Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors so that they can effectively deal with cases involving women who are under 18 years of age and in respect of whom offences under sections 354, 376, 376A, 376B, 376C & 376D and 509 of the Indian Penal Code have been committed.

Since the Criminal Procedure Code is on the Concurrent List of the Constitution and Criminal Laws are administered by the State Governments, the Report of the Law Commission was referred to the State Governments for their views. Further, since some of the recommendations of the Commission did not require any amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the State Governments were also requested to implement them. These included, inter alia, appointment of women prosecutors.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposal for foreign investment in Kerala

*132. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had submitted any proposal for foreign investment in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) takes place generally through private entrepreneurs/companies. State Government of Kerala has not sent any specific proposal regarding this.